1	2
Maharashtra	346
Gujarat	100
Assam	10
Himachal Pradesh	10
Karnataka	380
Kerala	90
Goa	20
Pondicherry	10

(c) Since setting up of retail outlets is a continuous process, it is not possible to indicate a definite time frame.

Domestic production of LNG

224. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that domestic production of LNG would negate the need for import of this gas by 2006-07;

(b) if so, whether Government are revising the demand-supply projections for natural gas; and

(c) whether the domestic production would provide some relief to the consumers by way of reduction in costs for home consumption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no domestic production of LNG. However, as against a demand of 120 Million Standard Cubic Meters Per Day (MMSCMD) of gas, the supply is around 65 MMSCMD only and the gap is estimated to go up by 2006-07. To bridge this gap, one of option is to import Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG). It is expected that only 2-3 LNG projects may come up by 2006-07, which will partially meet the demand supply gap.

(c) Most of the new discoveries of gas are from block awarded under NELP under which the producer can sell the gas at market determined prices.